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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

BREAKING NEWS

Community Hospital to Reopen Tomorrow

Great news! Yesterday, the operator of Community Hospital, MWN LLC, announced they will begin accepting transfer patients from area hospitals beginning tomorrow, March 21st. During the initial opening phase, they will not be operating an emergency room and will not accept walk-in patients. You can read the press release at this <u>link</u>. You can also read the Gazette's press coverage at this <u>link</u>.



Hot Topics

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - Safer at Home

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Human Services announced an <u>order</u> further restricting and limiting gathering among people to slow the spread of COVID-19. This new 'Safer



at Home' order will begin at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, and continue until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, April 19, unless otherwise specified.

Some people who contract COVID-19 have no symptoms, or have mild symptoms, and can transmit the disease without being aware that they carry the virus.

Thus, residents are to limit gatherings to 2 to 9 people and take steps to reduce the possibility of transmitting the virus, including:

- standing at least six feet apart.
- making hand-washing stations or hand-sanitizer available.
- covering one's cough using one's elbow or a tissue.
- not touching one's face with unwashed hands.

Essential businesses, including grocery stores, restaurants (take-out or delivery), health services, pharmacies, banks and gas stations, and government services will remain open. Port operations, airport operations and critical transportation services will remain open, as will construction of residential and commercial buildings. Non-essential businesses, playgrounds and enclosed shopping centers will close. The list of essential businesses is <u>outlined in the emergency order</u>.

This order is based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within Long Beach and throughout the area. As of today, there are 13 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Long Beach, 675 in California and 10,442 in the United States. This constitutes a pandemic according to the World Health Organization and has been declared a public health emergency in Long Beach.

People may engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, and to the health and safety of their family members and pets. Outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking or running, are allowed; however, people should continue to follow social distancing guidelines for their safety and the safety of others.

The Health Department continues to urge individuals to contact their healthcare providers if they develop symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath or a dry cough, and providers are compelled to report any suspected cases of COVID-19 to the Health Department immediately.

This action is put in place by the City Health Officer Dr. Anissa Davis, and in accordance with the Emergency Powers granted to the City Manager through the <u>Proclamation of Local Emergency</u>.

For the latest updates on Coronavirus, check our Health Department's site at this link.



Restaurants in the Fourth District

Effective March 17th and continuing through March 31, 2020, or until further notice, city businesses are required to modify their operations, in <u>accordance</u> with a mandate issued by the Health and Human Services Department - Restaurants and other food-

serving establishments are limited to delivery, takeout or drive-thru only. Below is a working list of restaurants in the Fourth District open for delivery, takeout or drive-thru only. Send us Fourth District restaurants via email to be included in future emails.



CHICK-FIL-A

4401 PCH | (562) 494-7310

ECCO'S PIZZA

2123 N Bellflower Blvd | (562) 597-3357

MILANAS BROOKLYN SQUARES

2000 Ximeno Ave | (562) 498-1411

YAGO JUICE

2125 N. Bellflower Blvd | (562) 494-2888

LOS COMPADRES

3229 E Anaheim St. | (562) 961-0061

CHRONIC TACOS

5525 E Stearns | (562) 342-9501

HOF'S HUT

2147 N Bellflower Blvd | (562) 597-5811

PIEOLOGY

2092 N Bellflower Blvd | (562) 430-5890

POLLY'S PIES

4680 E Los Coyotes Diagonal | (562) 597-6067

RAISING CANE'S CHICKEN FINGERS

4500 E Atherton | (562) 498-1348

Local news sources have also created working lists for restaurants city wide - they are available here: <u>LB Post</u>, <u>Grunion Gazette</u>

Grocery Stores in the Fourth District

All stores have expressed that they are getting regular shipments of food, and that they are restocking their shelves each day. However, some stores are restricting entry to prohibit overcrowding, which may lead to longer wait times outside the store.



FOOD 4 LESS

3210 E. Anaheim St. (562) 438-6978 Store Hours: 8 AM - 8 PM

RALPH'S

1900 N. Lakewood Blvd (562) 494-4371 Store Hours: 8 AM - 8 PM

TRADER JOE'S

2222 N. Bellflower Blvd. (562) 596-2514 Store Hours: 9 AM - 7 PM

LAZY ACRES

2080 N. Bellflower Blvd. (562) 430-4132 Store Hours: 7 AM - 7 PM

TARGET

2270 N. Bellflower Blvd. (562) 493-5411 Store hours: 8 AM - 9 PM

VONS

1820 Ximeno Ave. (562) 498-2111 Store Hours: 7 AM - 9 PM

Economic Relief Package for COVID-19 Emergency

On Tuesday, the Long Beach City Council unanimously voted to direct City staff to develop an economic resiliency program which would assist Long Beach families, workers and small businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.



City Council directed the City Manager to work with the City Attorney's office and other relevant departments to review a wide-ranging package that will include the following measures:

- A moratorium on all COVID-19 related non-payment of rent evictions on commercial and residential units through May 31, 2020. Also, a prohibition on late fees and a prohibition on Section 8 terminations by the Housing Authority of Long Beach (HACLB).
- Emergency loan assistance programs to small businesses who have suffered significant losses as a result of COVID-19.
- A review of sick and disability leave processes and enhancements for City employees who must miss work due to COVID-19.
- A possible transit occupancy tax (TOT) or other revenue-sharing opportunity to support hotels experiencing significant economic impacts.
- A slate of measures to support laid off or furloughed employees (or those at risk of such actions) through streamlined Employment Development Department processes and assistance for those not eligible for unemployment payment. Policies could also add protection against layoffs or furloughs or give priority when re-hiring commences.
- A review of parking meter enforcement policies and options for relief.
- A review of the Housing Trust fund and eligible uses of the fund to assist those in need
- Partnerships with financial institutions and lenders to prohibit foreclosures or halt mortgage payments for individuals who have suffered loss of wages as a result of COVID-19.
- Potential resources and partnerships to safely assist people under self-quarantine due to COVID-19, prioritizing seniors.
- Training opportunities with the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services on COVID-19 prevention for businesses in the tourism and restaurant industries.

Major goals for the Economic Resiliency unit include:

- · Coordinating strategy to support economic resiliency.
- Emergency business assistance support programs, including technical assistance.
- Access-to-capital partnership programs, such as emergency loans and grants.
- Income preservation and augmentation, including unemployment insurance and childcare support.
- Employer resiliency programs including layoff aversion and work share.
- Connecting available labor supply with demand, such as irregular work and contract opportunities.
- Temporarily reducing costs for government regulation, such as regulatory cost relief or deferral.
- Residential and commercial housing preservation and retention.
- Industry-specific economic resiliency and recovery programs, including customer generation and worker retention.
- Online connectivity for all residents, students and business owners, aligning with the City's digital inclusion initiative.

An emergency ordinance will come back to City Council soon for adoption. City staff will report back to City Council on the feasibility and implementation of the requested items. Businesses and workers impacted by the economic emergency should call (562) 570-4BIZ or visit http://www.longbeach.gov/economicdevelopment/covid-19-business-support/ to access existing small business loan, technical assistance, and unemployment benefits insurance programs provided by the City.

On Wednesday, the City of Long Beach, in partnership with the Long Beach Community Foundation, proudly announces the activation of the Long Beach Coronavirus Relief Fund. Financial contributions can be made to assist members of the local community who have been critically impacted as a result of the current public health crisis.



Donations to the Coronavirus Relief Fund will be used exclusively to assist Long Beach residents impacted by COVID-19 and are tax-deductible. Funding will be distributed to 501(C)3 nonprofit, educational, and governmental organizations through a request for proposal process, which will be announced in the coming days on the Long Beach Community Foundation website. Donations can be made by:

- Text: Text "SupportLB" to 501-55 and follow the prompts to donate.
- PayPal: Use PayPal online or the smartphone application to @SupportLB.
- Credit Card: Visit longbeachcf.org to fill out the secure online form.
- Check: Check donations may be mailed to Long Beach Community Foundation, 400 Oceangate, Suite 800, Long Beach, CA 90802. Please write Long Beach Coronavirus Relief Fund in the memo section of your check.

Funding will be available to organizations meeting the requirements of the Grant Application for purposes satisfying an identified community need. Funding may change according to availability and need.

We Love Long Beach's Neighbor Relief Postcard

We Love Long Beach has just launched a "neighbor relief postcard" initiative that allows you to provide help to your neighbors-who may be self-isolating-with anything from picking up groceries, running urgent errands or picking up mail. You can use this <u>link</u> to print out the postcard and fill it in.



Past Events

Joe Jost's Makes a "Special" Donation

Last Friday, Joe Jost's owner, Ken Buck, posted on facebook that they would be voluntarily closing on Monday, 3/16, until further notice. He also stated that since 1924, Joe Jost's has survived the Polio epidemic, Prohibition, Diphtheria epidemic, the Great Depression, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Asian Flu epidemic, the 1992Long Beach Riots, the H1N1



Swine Flu, and Joe's will survive the COVID-19 epidemic and expect that you will also. On Monday, Ken contacted us to help him donate all the bread, meats and cheeses he had on hand. We connected him to a local food bank who will enable people to still enjoy a Joe Jost's Special. Thanks, Ken, for exemplifying the true community spirit of Go Fourth!

Census Letters Mailed This Week

Recently, you should have received instructions for completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online. Local communities depend on information from the Census Bureau to fund programs that promote the well-being of families and children as well as equal employment opportunities for you and your neighbors. If you have not already responded, please complete your short 10-minute 2020 Census questionnaire today! Are

Census 2020

you curious about how many people in your community are responding to the 2020 Census? You'll be able stay up to date with a <u>map</u> of self-response rates from across the United States.

LGB Flight Slot Allocation Update

On Tuesday, we received an update on the Long Beach Airport Flight Slot Allocation. Following the conclusion of the 2018-2019 Noise Year (Oct. 1, 2018 - Sept. 30 2019), analyses of the Air Carrier acoustical noise budget were conducted. They concluded that three Supplemental Air Carrier Flight slots should be added to the already existing nine Supplemental Air Carrier Flight slot for a total of twelve Supplemental Air Carrier



flight slots. Two of the three Supplemental Air Carrier flight slots were awarded to Southwest Airlines and the remaining Supplemental Air Carrier flight slot was awarded to Delta Air Lines. More information is available at this <u>link</u>.

Long Beach Public Library Free Online Resources

The Long Beach Public Library has many free online resources that are still available to cardholders. This includes movie and music streaming, educational activities for grades K-12, professional development courses, and thousands of eBooks and audiobooks. If you do not have a library card and would like to enjoy these resources, you can apply for a temporary online barcode and pin valid for 60 days. Visit the Long Beach Public Library Foundation's website for more information on all the available resources.



Upcoming Events

Special City Council Meeting March 24th March 24th | 5 pm | <u>Available Online</u>

A Special City Council meeting is currently scheduled to start at 5 pm on Tuesday, March 24th. City council meetings are broadcast live online and are also available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers.



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And Finally

Willard Elementary School - March 1933 & March 2020

Last week, we featured a photo of the 4th district's Buffum Elementary School during LBUSD's 1952 polio immunization efforts. The point was to illustrate how our schools have a long history of reacting to emergencies. This week, our Health Department, in a notification to parents, announced there was a case of COVID-19 at the 4th district's Willard Elementary. Below is a photo of a Willard Elementary outdoor classroom following the March 1933 earthquake. It is from the LBPL archives and was donated by Doris Ratner, the blonde child in the center front row.



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